

## **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 24-27, 30-34, 37, 39-44 and 45 were pending, with claims 40-43 being withdrawn from consideration. By the present response, claims 32 and 37 have been amended and claim 43 canceled. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 24-27, 30-34, 37, 39-42 and 44-45 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: the original claims.

## ***OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION***

The specification stands objected to on the grounds set forth on page 3 of the Official Action. Specifically, the specification is objected to on the grounds that insufficient antecedent basis exists for certain aspects of claims 30 and 39. By the present response, the specification has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

## ***CLAIM OBJECTIONS***

Claim 32 is objected to because of informalities. Claim 32 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to address the objection. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

***CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112***

Claim 37 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the grounds set forth in paragraph 6 of the Official Action.

By the present response, applicants have amended claim 37 in the manner which addresses the above-noted rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

***ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 24-27, 31, 33-34 and 44-45 are allowable over the prior art of record and that claims 32 and 37 contain allowable subject matter, as noted in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Official Action.

***WITHDRAWN CLAIMS***

Claims 40-42 have been withdrawn. However, claims 40-42 are dependent upon allowable claim 24 and are directed to a process requiring the presence of an allowable product. Therefore, rejoinder is appropriate at this stage. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of claims 40-42 as well. See, MPEP §821.04(b).

**CONCLUSION**

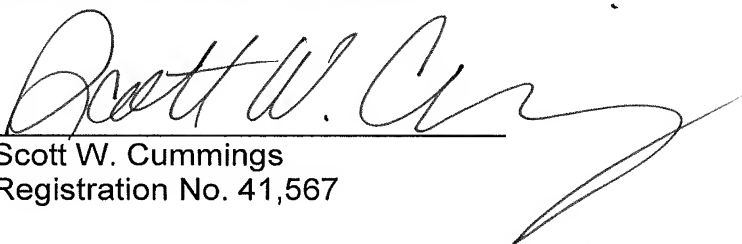
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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